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Dr. Jeff Koenings, Director Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife 600 Capital Way North Olympia, WA 98504-3135

Re: WAFWA Project - "Wildlife Values in the West - 2004".

Dear Dr. Koenings,

I would like to take this opportunity to update you on the progress of the WAFWA Human Dimensions Committee Project "Wildlife Values in the West – 2004". This multi-state grant project, which was referred to in the nomination for IAFWA's 2003 Ernest Thompson Seton Award, received by WAFWA, is rapidly moving forward.

This exciting and unique project now has all 19 WAFWA states and one province (Alberta) participating in the study. Representatives have recently reviewed and submitted their agency's comments on the regional issues section and coordinated efforts in the development of state/province specific questions. Both sections of the survey are now under review at Colorado State University. In the coming months, the survey will be sent out for another review prior to pre-testing.

This has been a very arduous task, and I want to recognize George Tsukamoto, Washington's representative. George has done an excellent job in fulfilling your agency's responsibilities. His continued involvement will help ensure the project remains on schedule and is a success. I would also like to recognize Colorado State University researchers Mike Manfredo, Alan Bright and Tara Teel for their hard work and expertise.

On behalf of project managers Linda Sikorowski (CO) and Ty Gray (AZ) and the WAFWA Human Dimensions Committee, I thank you for your continued participation and support of this project.

Sincerely,

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Director, Arizona Game and Fish Department

WAFWA Human Dimensions Committee Chairman

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